

# CITY OF ALTON - 2007 FACT SHEET

*Coming 2007: New Municipal Building  
housing administration and police department*

## General

- ❖ City established in April 1, 1978
- ❖ Type of Government - Home Rule City (charter approved May 13, 2006)
  - Mayor and four member board of commissioners
- ❖ City Area - 3550 acres
- ❖ City ETJ - 6340 acres
- ❖ City Parks - 61 acres
- ❖ Highway Access - State HWY 107, State HWY 281, and State HWY 83
- ❖ City Budget for 2006-2007 is \$3,001,203 compared to \$1,329,020 in 2001-2002
- ❖ Water Supplier - Sharyland Water Supply Corporation
- ❖ Public sanitary sewer system owned by the City of Alton
  - Effluent treated by the City of McAllen Public Utilities Board

## Economic Development

- ❖ 2006 - Tax rate - \$0.4266, only a 5% increase since 2001
- ❖ 2006 - Property Values were \$138,362,225 compared to \$59,946,705 in 2001
- ❖ 2006 - Market Availability 116,219 people within a 5 mile radius
- ❖ 2006 - 105 new home permits issued, up 20% from 2005
- ❖ 2006 - 6 new subdivisions were approved with 616 lots
  - First gated subdivision in Alton approved - Tuscany Village with 106 lots
- ❖ 2006 - Sales tax revenue was \$495,446 compared to \$105,134 in 2001
- ❖ 2006 - Average of 2188 sanitary sewer connections
- ❖ Alton Industrial Park (17.2 acres)
- ❖ Proposed developments for 2007
  - Eleven new subdivisions with 626 lots
  - A second multi-housing development with 72 units

## Demographics

- ❖ Population = 7,378 (based on 2004 State of Texas demographer projections)
- ❖ Currently Sharyland Water Supply Corporation calculates 2800 water connections
- ❖ 98% Hispanic population
- ❖ 2.4% of population holds a Bachelor's degree or higher

- ❖ 81.5% own their housing unit compared to 66% nationally
- ❖ 18.5% rent their housing unit compared to 34% nationally
- ❖ 34% of the population is foreign born
- ❖ 93% speak a language other than English
- ❖ Median family income \$23,563.00
- ❖ 55% of the population is between 18 and 64 yrs old
- ❖ 38% of the population is under the age of 18

## **Schools**

- ❖ City is served by the Mission CISD (MCISD) and Sharyland ISD (SISD)
- ❖ 5 MCISD Elementary Schools: Alton Elementary (Recognized), Cantu Elementary (Recognized), Cavazos Elementary (Exemplary), Waitz Elementary (Recognized), and Salinas Elementary (Recognized)
- ❖ Jensen Elementary (Recognized, SISD)
- ❖ Alton Jr. High School (MCISD)
- ❖ Texas Migrant Council Head Start
- ❖ Hidalgo County Head Start

## **Medical Access**

- ❖ Nuestra Clinica Del Valle – satellite federally qualified health center
- ❖ Mission Hospital Clinic – pediatric care only
- ❖ Pro Medic EMS – 24 Hour ambulance service

## **Community Resources**

- ❖ Community Senior Center (3,919 sq ft)
- ❖ Community Youth Recreation Center (25,226 sq ft)
- ❖ 4 municipal parks: Sylvia Vela Park, Roberto Elizondo Park, Fireman's Park, and Josefa Garcia Park - (61 total acres)
- ❖ Alton Municipal Swimming Pool
- ❖ Community Resource Group non-profit loan program for home improvements
- ❖ Greater Alton Chamber of Commerce

## **Community Services**

- ❖ Police Department – 11 police officers
- ❖ Fire Department – 4 paid (1 fire chief & 4 part-time) staff and 18 volunteers

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